MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know whether the allotted amount for the special purpose of giving grants will be totally spent even under the reduced rates in accordance with the promise.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILAAI (*Changanachery I*): Sir, my question is in accordance with the promise that the honourable member made in this House to the effect that any amount that falls as surplus will be utilised for giving grants. I ask the honourable member whether any surplus amount has been utilised for giving grants?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is a hypothetical question, Sir.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) No Sir, it is not a hypotheticial question. Sir, I want to know whether depending on the promise which the honourable member made last year whether he has paid grants from the surplus amount?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member does not get an answer. That is all.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the member what is the exact amount that is required by Government, if the principle underlying the token cut is accepted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About Rs. 60,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from Government whether they have decided that no action can be taken at any time or only just now?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No definite period is fixed.

The Colachel Factory.

99. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state if applications have been received from persons offering to take up the Colachel Factory for working it up as a factory for the manufacturing and sale of salt partly to Government and partly to the public; and if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the reason for refusing to accept the offer?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Applications were received for license to work the Colachel Factory under the Modified Excise System and one of the applications has been accepted by Government.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the factory at Colachel is worked?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The factory is not being worked now.

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MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from Government whose application was accepted ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): One Mr. Gopalan Nair.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): To which place does he belong ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Tiruvalla.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether there were natives of Colachel among the applicants ?

MR. C. O MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Persons who belong not exactly to Colachel but to adjacent places had also applied.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is there any distinction made between people of Colachel and other Travancoreans ?

MR. C. O MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No distinction is made.

P. W. D: Supervisors.

100. ❋MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names and the period of service of the P. W. D. Supervisors (Section Officers) in the State who are in the very same station for more than three years at present ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A ❋ statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Acting Graduate Teachers.

101. ❋MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are about a dozen graduates recruited a teachers in the year 1101 still acting in the graduate scale;

(*b*) whether they were not receiving Rs. 50 as salary till the Standardisation G. O., dated 16-4-1935;

(*c*) whether after the above G. O. their pay has been reduced to Rs. 40 only;

(*d*) whether graduates entertained in the undergraduate scale subsequent to the recruitment referred to above were subsequently confirmed and promoted to graduate scale; and

(*e*) if so, why the cases of the teachers in the graduate scale were not taken into consideration when undergraduates were promoted ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The salary of the teachers has not been definitely fixed.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*d*).

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